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who should have been retained were released and others retained who should have been released. The workers were discouraged and dissatisfied by this. Some cadres oppress workers and hire and fire at will without reference to the personnel authorities. Workers attempting to present constructive suggestions are fired as a reward. When workers are dissatisfied with such treatment, the leaders call them recalcitrant and charge them with responsibility for the failure of the mine to reach its objective.

A united labor conference for the mine was called 4 July 1950 and some progress was made in discussion of mine problems. The beginnings of democratic labor practices and recognition of the laborers as the real owners of enterprise were laid. However there is still some hesitancy by cadre leaders in accepting labor proposals for action.

COAL COMPANY SELLS 340,000 TONS -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 24 Jul 50

The Tientsin-Peiping offices of the China Coal Corporation sold 340,000 tons of coal during the second quarter of 1950. The goal for the third quarter is 381,683 tons. The company also entered the field of lumber, cement, and metal sales. The system of sales goals has increased the sense of responsibility of the cadres and they have made strenuous efforts to meet their goals.

ADJUST EXPORT PRICES OF TUNG OIL -- Shanghai Ta Kung Pao, 27 Jul 50

In view of changes in the world market price of tung oil, the customs authorities have adjusted the export prices of this commodity to 0.198 US dollars per catty, F.O.B. China ports.

DISCOVER COPPER NEAR PANG-FOU, ANWEI -- Ho-fei Wan-pei Jih-pao, 19 Jul 50

Pang-fou -- Copper has been discovered in two places in a stone quarry near Nan-ying (1) [numbers refer to appended characters] Station on the Ching-p'u Railway. The quarry is situated on the Esueh-hua (2) Mountain in a suburb of this city.

The vein which has been opened drops sharply downward. The ore is a purplish-golden color and is in three forms, flakes, rough grains, and cubes. The Ministry of mines [sic] of the Central government has been notified and is sending investigators to the spot.

HARBIN PRIVATE OIL WORKS EXPANDING -- Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, 25 Jul 50

The Hsing-tung bean oil factory in Harbin is now in process of expansion. It recently added 2,500 square meters of warehouse space which is capable of storing 300 carloads of beans. During the Manchukuo regime, the factory had limited storage space under cover and stored most of its beans in the open. There was only a board fence around the grounds. The factory now has the extensive covered storage space mentioned above and brick wall surrounds the property. It has an oil storage capacity of 2 million cattles. The factory's capitalization has increased from one million yuan Northeast currency in 1946 to 15,700,000,000 yuan at present. The profits of the company equal one-third of the profits of the nine oil refineries in Harbin. The refinery is now processing not less than 600 carloads of beans annually.

The company has adopted democratic labor-management relations and the labor union is leading the workmen in intelligent efforts to increase production and reduce costs.

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CH'ENG-FA IRONWORKS MAKES RAPID COMEBACK -- Mukden Tung-pei Jih-pao, 20 Jul 50

Among the machinery industries in Mukden that have made rapid progress during the last year is the Ch'eng-fa Ironworks. It took some time after the liberation for the company's proprietors to get confidence in the new policies of the People's government; therefore they feared to make much effort to rebuild their business, which had completely closed down under the KMT exploitation.

The ironworks began operations with six laborers in February 1949 and now employs 250 persons. Under the impetus of a contract for oil lubricators from the government and the earnest research of a couple of laborers in improving drill presses for boring the necessary holes in these instruments, the required time was reduced from 5½ man-days to 1½ man-days per unit. Now the company can turn out 100 lubricators a month at greatly reduced cost. Sixty-three lathes are now in operation. Management-labor relations are moving toward a democratic basis. Six new factory buildings and 68 homes for workers have been erected. A school for workers and a school for workers' children are in operation.

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